

HEAVY RECEIPTS
IN POST-OFFICEAnnual Statement Shows Strong
Increases in All Depart-
ments.

COMPARED WITH OTHER YEARS

Steady Growth in Postal Busi-
ness During Last Eight
Years.The figures showing the operations in
the various departments of the Richmond
post-office during the year just closed in-
dicate that there have been enormous in-
creases in all lines.A comparative statement of receipts
during the past eight years has been care-
fully compiled, and follows:
Receipts for year 1899.....\$24,213.24
Receipts for year 1900.....270,488.59
Receipts for year 1901.....294,827.01
Receipts for year 1902.....335,041.13
Receipts for year 1903.....361,684.16
Receipts for year 1904.....381,163.57
Receipts for year 1905.....437,382.16
Receipts for year 1906.....456,331.83
Of the above amount, the receipts in
detail are:Sale of postage stamps, envelopes
and postal cards.....\$402,233.90
Sale of special request envelopes, 44,573.98
Newspaper and periodical post-
age.....22,619.13
Rent of boxes.....4,782.49
Third-class postage.....12,169.12
Miscellaneous.....69.21Total receipts of the office.....\$456,331.83
Over 11-1/2 per cent. increase.
Postal deposits from other of-
fices.....52,277.41
Post-office warrants.....313,499.00

Grand total.....\$520,011.24

An increase of \$4,411.72 over the year 1905.

Of the above, stamps, envelopes and
postal cards:Station A, 215 West Broad Street,
sold.....\$6,598.95Station B, 2415 East Broad Street,
sold.....14,324.20Station No. 1, 204 Harrison Street,
sold.....3,888.79Station No. 2, 609 Louisiana
Street, sold.....4,841.74Station No. 3, 334 South Pine
Street, sold.....2,128.10Station No. 4, 1291 North Seven-
teenth Street, sold.....2,888.18Station No. 5, 901 North Fifth
Street, sold.....1,045.74Station No. 6, 1101 West Clay
Street, sold.....1,966.14Station No. 7, 25 West Leigh
Street, sold.....5,588.05Station No. 8, 2415 Venable Street,
sold.....3,360.43Station No. 9, 509 East Marshall
Street, sold.....20,154.82Station No. 10, 2327 East Main
Street, sold.....12,560.21Station No. 11, 1291 West Main
Street, sold.....2,641.85Station No. 12, 191 East Broad
Street, sold.....21,908.95Station No. 13, Barton Heights,
sold.....769.87

Total for stations.....\$146,062.32

Number of clerks employed in the
post-office.....75

Substations employ.....13

Number of carriers and substitute
carriers.....50Railway postal clerks paid from
this office.....33Special delivery mail letter carriers
paid from this office.....8Rural letter carriers serving from
this office.....7Number of rural letter carriers
paid from this office throughout
the year.....870Amount paid rural letter carriers
in Virginia for the year.....\$576,000

Money Order Division.

No. Amount.

1906.....21,016 \$183,455

1905.....19,235 175,947

Increase on same, 1906.....1,781

Domestic money orders issued.....1,329

1906.....1,650 30,877

1905.....1,537 29,928

Increase on same, 1906.....111

Domestic money orders paid.....217

1906.....1,611 1,761

1905.....1,048 506,589

International money orders paid.....5,833

1906.....317 5,833

1905.....347 6,612

Surplus funds deposited to credit of
Treasurer of the United States.....336.00

1906.....336.00

1905.....389.80

Remittances received from other offices.....1,185,719

1906.....1,185,719

1905.....919,112

Registry Division.

Delivered by carrier.....5,247

Delivered at office.....57,499

Official letters delivered.....16,894

Letters and parcels received for trans-
mission through mails.....58,537

Domestic.....4,210

Foreign.....2,035

Official.....2,035

Registered package envelopes con-
taining letters.....145,801

Transmission to other offices.....145,801

Mailing Division.

Pieces of mail dispatched.....1906.

First-class.....33,267,584 38,916,077

All others.....15,737,339 16,891,152

Special delivery.....30,452 35,000

Total.....49,055,451 55,842,229

Made-up mail dispatched:

Pouches.....45,233 44,532

Bags.....175,135 189,008

Made-up mail received:

Pouches.....38,530 48,655

Bags.....125,283 134,182

Pieces of misdirected mail:

Returned to sender.....81,019 83,988

Corrected and for-
warded.....12,067 12,102Sent to Dead Letter
Office.....3,066 4,138

Held for postage.....4,504 5,264

Canadian matter sent
to Dead Letter Office.....23

Disposed of as waste.....12,494 12,760

Total.....118,030 118,441



LUSTY '07

vs. dusty '06—the strug-
gle can't last long. Here's
hoping the old man
doesn't get bumped too
hard.Prices in all our lines
have been bumped with a
will.Never could one hun-
dred cents go farther and
bring back more.If you have an idle dol-
lar or too, here's a rare
chance to make it earn
handsome dividends:\$20.00 Suits and O'coats
\$22.50
\$25.00 \$14.75

JACOBS & LEVY

NOTABLE YEAR IN
HISTORY OF CITY

(Continued from First Page.)

to more than a hundred thousand.

While expansion of territory has been
welcomed, it entails heavy responsibilities
upon the city, and contributes not a few
momentous problems, with which the city
government must deal. Already fire and
police protection and the benefits of
urban schools have been bestowed on the
new citizenship, and as soon as practi-
cable additional lights, water, sewerage
and street improvements will be ordered.With the accomplishment of extension
of the city's borders, a movement has
begun to place Richmond in the two hun-
dred thousand class—that is to say, that
its progressive business men and citizens
are working to make the year 1907
stride towards a great city, with the ul-
timate purpose of making it a city of
200,000 population. More room is provided
for manufacturing sites, for residences
and for parks and for every purpose, and
already the values of lands annexed have
been rapidly enhanced. Another year it
is confidently expected to see much of
the new territory as closely built up as
desirable, notably in the western portion
of the larger city.The completion of the clear-water plant
just west of the city marks a distinct
improvement, and a costly one. The series
of settling and coagulating basins begun
in 1904 was recently completed, and the
great concrete dam which will conduct
the clear water to the pumps, is nearing
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to a one-story structure and reconstructed
substantially.A new building, to be occupied as the
First Police Station, is near completion
on East Broad Street, near Eighteenth.A great many valuable permanent im-
provements to the streets, sidewalks and
allies of the city have been made during
the year, and in many cases asphalt
block has replaced less desirable paving
material, bringing about great improve-
ment. Perhaps the most noteworthy im-
provement of streets is the widening of
Main Avenue from Allison to the
Boulevard, so as to give it a uniform
width of 140 feet, and make it the hand-
somest thoroughfare in the city.The city has also taken steps to further
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from corrosion by electrolysis, and will
expend considerable money in this af-PROSPEROUS YEAR
AMONG THE JOBBERS

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but no lesser of consequence have yet been occasioned by same.

Class Article or Kind.	Capital in Business	Annual Sales
Groceries, confectioneries, liquors and tobacco.....	\$2,636,471	\$18,875,010
Provisions.....	1,412,640	12,395,156
Boots and shoes.....	1,487,912	6,537,590
Dry goods and notions.....	936,808	4,908,069
Coal, wood, hay, seeds, nursery.....	227,232	3,247,116
Drugs, florists, florists.....	621,052	2,385,410
Hardware, agricultural implements.....	629,228	2,069,140
Books, stationery, paper, pens.....	437,462	2,876,234
Railway, mill, plumbers' supplies.....	345,219	1,514,126
Hats, caps, clothing, millinery, dry goods.....	310,190	1,019,240
Sewing machines, typewriters, electrical, bicycle, sport- ing and rubber goods.....	1,281,315	1,241,315
Oils, paints, varnishes, goods.....	245,870	1,281,315
Leather, hides, saddlery, tanbark.....	238,400	886,400
Stoves, tin, china, earthenware.....	236,125	841,216
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Furniture, carpets, upholstery.....	236,125	841,216
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as in NameThere are plenty of so-called Porto Rico
cigars, many of them made of tobacco
grown in the United States; these brands
will likely multiply in number since the re-
cent increased cost of Porto Rican leaf.
That's why smokers everywhere should be
more particular than ever to get the genuineEL TORO
Cigar—5 CentsThis is one cigar you can be sure
Porto Rican in quality as well as in name,
made in Porto Rico, exclusively of Porto
Rican tobacco.The El Toros now on the market are
finer in quality than ever, because of the
unusual excellence of this year's crop in
Porto Rico, only the best selections of
which are used to make the El Toro.Made in a thoroughly modern factory
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It costs you only five cents, as always.
The El Toro is superior to any other cigar
sold at 5 cents.Porto Rican-American Tobacco Company
MANUFACTURER
San Juan, Porto Rico.plants and residences. This subject has
already been covered by The Times-Dis-
patch in some detail, showing that some-
thing like \$2,500,000 has been expended
in improvements of this character. Many
manufacturing plants have enlarged their
buildings, including the Larus & Bro.
Company, tobacco manufacturers; the R.
A. Patterson Tobacco Company, the R.
Edwards Tobacco Company, E. K. Viner
& Co., have all enlarged their plants or
are building new structures.The Bank of Richmond has reconstructed
an old building at large expense, and
made it one of the handsomest of our
banking houses. The St. James Hotel
Company has just completed and occu-
pied a mammoth manufactory, warehouse
and salesroom on West Broad Street. The
Southern Bell Telephone Company is con-
structing a magnificent six-story brick
and stone and steel building on Broad
Street, which will be an addition to that
locality. It is now well advanced. J. F.
Jurgens' Sons is completing a spacious
and well constructed storehouse at the
corner of Adams and Broad Streets, and
Miller and Sons are building a large
addition to their already splendid store-
house on Broad, between Fifth and Sixth
Streets. They purpose building to the
corner of Sixth Street as soon as they
can secure possession of the corner prop-
erty, and hope to ultimately extend the
building to the corner of the Jefferson
Hotel, so as to make it one continuous
front on that thoroughfare.These are some of the up-town mercan-
tile establishments which are enlarging or
building new stores, but there are many
others. On the north side of Broad Street
many new stores have been constructed.
Down town, in the wholesale district and
along the river front, many costly and
handsome manufacturing and wholesale
houses have been constructed, and the
city, toward the northwest section of
the city, toward the new manufacturing
and heavy business of all kinds shows a de-
cided trend.Among the handsome public or semi-
public structures reared or in process of
construction, the bank are the most no-
table. The addition to the Jefferson Ho-
tel, completing that structure on a scale
even handsomer than its prototype, is
probably the most noteworthy. This work
being done by the Jefferson Realty
Company, the new owners of the prop-
erty, and the completion of the struc-
ture, the building will be ready for
occupancy in March or by April.It is constructed in the most substan-
tial manner, and finished in the most
elegant style the architect could devise.
When completed it will be the equal of
any hotel in the country, and its
capacity will have been almost doubled.The new apartment house hotel being
erected for Colonel John Murphy at the
corner of Eighth and Grace Streets is
rapidly going up. This is a steel con-
struction, seven-story building, designed
especially for a